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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 7, 2002 in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 39, 41 and 45 as follows:

39. (Amended). A recombinant expression vector for use in a desired host comprising:

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a nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:3, and nucleotides 51-284 of SEQ ID NO:7,